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In re Application of:)
Michael D. BINNARD et al.) Group Art Unit: 2834
Application No.: 09/929,025) Examiner: Not yet assigned
Filed: August 15, 2001)
For: WAFER STAGE WITH MAGNETIC)
BEARINGS)

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents, are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine

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that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law,
Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding
the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the
patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of
the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please
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Respectfully submitted,

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